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COLUMN OF SEPTEMBER 14 TIMES OF INDIA. ARTICLE STATED
BHUTANESE HAVE TOLD INDIANS THEY WILL NOT NEED ANY NEW
INDIAN ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISERS, NOTED THAT TELEPHONE
AND TELEGRAPHIC LINKS BETWEEN THIMPHU AND CALCUTTA HAD
VIRTUALLY CEASED, AND SUGGESTED THAT TEST OF STATE OF
INDO-BHUTANESE RELATIONS MIGHT BE GOI WILLINGNESS TO
GRANT INNER LINE PERMITS TO TOURISTS GRANTED BHUTANESE
VISAS. WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS ADDRESSEES MIGHT HAVE
ON ARTICLE AND CURRENT TRENDS IN INDO-BHUTAN RELATIONS. KISSINGER

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